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GROWING TALLER

Japanese People Are Increasing Their Stature.

CUSTOM CAUSED SHORTNESS

Japanese Consul in New York Asserts That Japs Are, as a Race, Growing Taller—Many Are Over Six Feet in Height.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Custom is responsible for the comparatively small stature of the Japanese race, is the opinion of Sadazuchi Uehida, Japanese consul in New York. Fashion ruled about 300 years ago that in sitting upon a mat one's feet must be crossed beneath and behind the body instead of being crossed in front of the body, as had been the custom for untold generations.

"Pictures of our forefathers of four or five hundred years ago," said Mr. Uehida last night, "show that they were considerably taller than my people are now, and invariably they are pictured as sitting with their legs beneath the body, is, I think, the more responsible for the smaller stature of the race than lack of sufficient nourishment or of food of a poor quality as Baron Takaki said in Philadelphia.

"Proof of the correctness of this theory is found in the remarkable increase in stature of our young men since we began to use seats in the schools instead of matting. It is not at all unusual nowadays to see men 20 or 25 years old more than six feet tall, and

the next generation will doubtless see their number greatly increased.

"But, I cannot see," he added, "where any great advantage is to be gained by having a race of six-footers. It is the brain that counts. A man six feet tall cannot aim a gun any better than one of four feet, for instance, and now that the day of fighting at close range is practically passed, I cannot see where any advantage is to be gained in military strength, at any rate.

"That there is a strong determination on the part of Japan to increase their stature is beyond question. By returning to the use of chairs, which were common a few hundred years ago, and even by reverting to the old custom of sitting with the legs crossed in front, the Japanese are consciously making every possible effort in that direction. Various departments of the government, especially the department of education are working together to this end, and within a comparatively few years there is hardly a doubt that several inches will be added to the average height of the Japanese."

MEET TONIGHT.

Tonight in the court house the McClure's improvement club will endeavor to hold another meeting and all residents of this district are urged to be present.

REBEKAHS GIVE SOCIAL.

A pleasant social evening was given by the order of Rebekahs last night in the Odd Fellows' hall, at which a large number were in attendance. Progressive whist was played after which those present enjoyed the pleasures of a social dance. Refreshments were served. C. C. Utzinger and Miss Bessie Gregory won the first prize in the card game and Dr. Barr and Miss Eva Todd were presented with the consolation prize. The reception committee consisted of Mrs. Christenson, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Thyra Knudson, Miss Dickie Byrd, and Miss Bessie Gunderson.

EMPEROR TALKS.

Believes German Army and Navy Could Whip France.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A Berlin cable dispatch to the Herald quotes the reply made yesterday by Emperor William to the congratulation extended by Prince Albrecht on behalf of the army and navy, at the opening of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the emperor's marriage. His majesty said:

"My first and last care is for my fighting forces on land and sea and that of the empress is for the alleviation of those who are the victims of poverty or illness.

"May God grant that war may not come; but should the cloud descend, I am firmly convinced that the army will acquit itself as it did so nobly thirty-five years ago."

TO INTEREST CAPITALISTS.

Man From Mindanao in U. S. Exploiting Island's Resources.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Frederick A. Thompson, treasurer of the province of Moro, in the Island of Mindanao, is here in the interest of that territory. His mission is to inform capitalists that the province of Moro has been granted a land law by the insular government, under which it is permitted to sell or lease to any corporation which applies 25,000 acres of land for the cultivation of hemp, rubber, sugar and the other plants and grains which may be raised in the island with profit.

Thompson leaves in a few days for Kansas City, Chicago, New York and Washington and hopes to interest many American capitalists in the resources and opportunities to be found in his island home.

Charles Hallam Keop, treasurer of the American National Red Cross, had received in response to President Roosevelt's appeal contributions amounting to \$11,421 to be expended for the relief of the famine-stricken provinces of Japan. Ten thousand dollars, contributed by the Christian Herald of New York, was cable on to Japan.

BECOME SUSPICIOUS ECONOMIC SESSION

Government Fears China Is Playing Double.

READY FOR ANY TROUBLE

Department Grows Suspicious of Good Faith of Chinese Government as Result of Double Dealing it Seems to be Pursuing.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says President Roosevelt has grown suspicious of the good faith of the Chinese government as the result of the policy of duplicity which it seems to be pursuing. He has been given assurances through Minister Rockhill which are not in keeping with the acts of the Peking authorities.

Apparently there has been adopted at the Chinese capital tactics such as were observed in 1900, prior to the Boxer outbreak. The diplomatic corps was told then in the most positive manner that the reports of a general uprising were without foundation and that the government had taken ample measures to suppress local disturbances and to prevent injury to life and property. The result of this representation was the failure of foreign powers to take action for the protection of their subjects and interests until it was too late.

The administration sees in the present situation a parallel with that which existed prior to the Boxer outbreak with this single and important difference, that the present unrest is not confined to two provinces in the north, but prevails all over the empire.

The state department boards are to bring in missionaries stationed in outlying districts inaccessible to warships or troops, and place them at points where they can be protected. Rear Admiral Train, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet is giving similar advice to the missionaries themselves.

United States consuls are also warning missionaries and other Americans that the situation is of such a character as to warrant them in taking precautions to fly to points of safety the moment the disorders break out.

Neither the navy nor the war department is abating its efforts to be ready to act the moment the President gives the word.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at Char. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c.

Death is only a part of life, after all. It comes to all alike, sooner or later. It is like the stars in the sky, the dewdrop on the grass, the sunset, the winds and the storms—something that we do not understand, and a part of the wonderful machinery of this wonderful universe.

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MORE COMFORT THAN EVER.

On Sunday, December 17th, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will inaugurate a daily line of standard and tourist sleeping cars between Denver and Los Angeles in connection with the new Clark road. Both cars will leave Denver daily at 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 1:35 p. m., the next day. At this point the cars will be held over until midnight, thus allowing through passengers the privilege of a stop-over of ten hours and a half in Salt Lake City. Eastbound, these cars will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 6:30 a. m., second morning where they will remain over until 3:50 p. m., thence to Denver where they will arrive at 4:20 the following afternoon. This stop-over at Salt Lake City of the regular line of sleeping cars promises to be an attractive feature for transcontinental

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prizes inviting work, the conclusion follows that private capital will be or at least should be, given a rather free rein. When the first of the government projects is put in working shape, demonstrating what large capital can do when encouraged, there is every reason to believe that the immense reserve funds of the East will be ready to duplicate such successes, if assured a latitude giving a safe margin of profit. In this respect reclamation is believed to be one of the most important investing fields of the near future. No doubt exists of the fertility of much arid land, and of the sufficiency of water in large basins for at least limited irrigation, if properly conserved.

A natural result in this direction would be extension of the Carey law, so that a sufficient inducement for capital was afforded thereunder. No public proposition of this character has yet been made, but the trend of sentiment is in that direction. One or two eminently satisfactory successes in north-west reclamation is sure to direct copious capital to that region, as the private enterprises of California have been for many years to that region.

At a future date, when less urgent foreign questions have been disposed of, an extension of the government reclamation work is regarded a possibility. Fostering commerce by digging canals, building locks, dredging harbors, etc., the public feature of which is justified on the grounds of general public need, is not remote from the principle of the government preparing its own public domain so that it will be more inviting to people, and so that it will yield a larger return when taken into private ownership. There are already numerous members of Congress who believe reclamation work on a large scale as thoroughly public as the Panama canal project. What will be the drift of this sentiment before Congress is called upon to pass judgment in extending reclamation work, cannot be forecasted with any assurance. One thing is sure. The eagerness of the West will be keener next year than the present time. Immigration to the reclaimed land will whet the desire of every state having arid sections. This development will make the present agitation keener, giving to the work of the Oregon and Washington irrigators pioneer color of great historic value.

CHEAP RATES FROM THE EAST VIA THE O. R. & N. CO.

The following list represents a few of the Eastern points from which Colonist rates shown below will apply via the O. R. & N. to Astoria from February 15th to April 7, 1906:

Atlanta, Ga., \$46.75; Pittsburg, Pa., \$42; Baltimore, Md., \$49.75; Washington, D. C., \$49.75; Boston, Mass., \$49.90; Peoria, Ill., \$31; Buffalo, N. Y., \$42.50; Oklahoma, O. T., \$30; Chicago, Ill., \$33; St. Louis, Mo., \$30; Cincinnati, O., \$39; Kansas City, Mo., \$25; Cleveland, O., \$40; St. Joseph, Mo., \$25; Detroit, Mich., \$39.75; Omaha, Neb., \$25; Montreal, Que., \$48.90; Sioux City, Ia., \$25; New York, N. Y., \$50; St. Paul, Minn., \$25; Philadelphia, Pa., \$49.75; Minneapolis, Minn., \$25.

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